

B. Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A casting riser pan ~~for use in casting a concrete wall of a concrete structure with an access opening therethrough and a cover for the access opening,~~ comprising:

a wall having [[an]] a top portion, [[and]] a bottom portion, and an orientation element;

said wall defining an opening having an axis therethrough and said wall generally corresponding to the periphery of a removable concrete cover for the opening having an orientation element generally corresponding to and configured to mate with said orientation element of said wall to facilitate seating of said cover in said casting riser pan in a predetermined angular orientation about said axis with respect to the angular orientation of said casting riser pan about said axis

~~said wall including a single orientation portion to form an orientation element adapted to orient the concrete cover relative to the riser pan.~~
2. (Original) A casting riser pan as claimed in claim 1, wherein said wall is generally annular.
3. (Original) A casting riser pan as claimed in claim 1, wherein said wall is tapered radially outward from said bottom portion to said top portion.

4. (Original) A casting riser pan as claimed in claim 1, wherein said wall further includes an upper portion and a lower portion and a transverse shoulder extending radially inward between said upper portion and said lower portion.

5. (Original) A casting riser pan as claimed in claim 3, wherein said wall further includes an upper portion and a lower portion and a transverse shoulder extending radially inward between said upper portion and said lower portion.

6. (Currently amended) A casting riser pan as claimed in claim 1, wherein said orientation element of said wall comprises a protrusion extending radially inward defining and said orientation element of said concrete cover comprises a recess in the concrete cover.

7. (Original) A casting riser pan as claimed in claim 6, wherein said protrusion has a top portion and a bottom portion, said top portion of said protrusion being narrower than said bottom portion of said protrusion.

8. (Currently amended) A casting riser pan as claimed in claim 1, wherein said orientation element of said wall comprises an indentation in said wall defining and said orientation element of said concrete cover comprises a protrusion from the concrete cover.

9. (Original) A casting riser pan as claimed in claim 8, wherein said indentation has a top portion and a bottom portion, said top portion of said indentation being wider than said bottom portion of said indentation.

10. (Original) A casting riser pan as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a continuous securement element extending radially inward from said bottom portion of said wall, said continuous securement element adapted to be connected to a casting mold.

11. (Original) A casting riser pan as claimed in claim 10, wherein said continuous securement element further includes a weakened region connecting said continuous securement element to said bottom edge portion.

12. (Original) A casting riser pan as claimed in claim 10, wherein said continuous securement element further includes one or more attachment holes adapted to receive a fastener for securing said continuous securement element to the casting mold.

13. (Original) The combination of a casting riser pan as claimed in claim 12 and at least one fastener inserted through one of said attachment holes and adapted to be attached to the casting mold, said fastener having a head portion with a diameter generally larger than the diameter of said attachment holes and a shaft portion having a diameter generally smaller than the diameter of said holes.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently amended) A casting riser pan as claimed in ~~claim 14~~ claim 1, further comprising an end portion adapted to be received by a stackable riser section.

16. (Original) A casting riser pan as claimed in claim 15, wherein said end portion includes an axially extending upstanding wall.

17. (Original) The combination of the casting riser pan as claimed in claim 14 and a stackable riser.
18. (Currently amended) The combination of the casting riser pan as claimed in claim 1 and [[a]] the concrete cover.
19. (Currently amended) A casting riser pan ~~for use in casting a concrete wall of a concrete structure with an access opening therethrough and a concrete cover for the access opening,~~ comprising:
an inner wall having an top portion, [[and]] a bottom portion, and an orientation element; an outer wall;
said inner wall defining an opening having an axis therethrough and said inner wall generally corresponding to the periphery of a removable concrete cover having an orientation element generally corresponding to and configured to mate with said orientation element of said inner wall to facilitate seating of said concrete cover in said casting riser pan in a predetermined angular orientation about said axis with respect to the angular orientation of said casting riser pan about said axis
~~said inner wall defining the outer periphery of the concrete cover for the opening; and said outer wall connected to said inner wall at said top portion.~~
20. (Currently amended) A casting riser pan as claimed in claim 19, wherein said outer wall depends extends angularly outward from said inner wall.

21. (Original) A casting riser pan as claimed in claim 19, wherein said inner wall is generally annular.
22. (Original) A casting riser pan as claimed in claim 19, wherein said outer wall is generally annular.
23. (Original) A casting riser pan as claimed in claim 19, wherein said inner wall is tapered radially outward from said bottom portion to said top portion.
24. (Original) A casting riser pan as claimed in claim 19, wherein said inner wall further includes an upper portion and a lower portion and a transverse shoulder extending radially inward between said upper portion and said lower portion.
25. (Original) A casting riser pan as claimed in claim 23, wherein said inner wall further includes an upper portion and a lower portion and a transverse shoulder extending radially inward between said upper portion and said lower portion.
26. (Original) A casting riser pan as claimed in claim 19, wherein said top portion of said inner wall further comprises a substantially transverse shoulder extending radially outward from said inner wall, said outer wall connected to said inner wall at said substantially transverse shoulder.
27. (Canceled).

28. (Currently amended) A casting riser pan as claimed in claim 27, wherein said orientation element of said inner wall comprises a protrusion extending radially inward defining and said orientation element of said concrete cover comprises a recess in the concrete cover.

29. (Original) A casting riser pan as claimed in claim 28, wherein said protrusion has a top portion and a bottom portion, said top portion of said protrusion being narrower than said bottom portion of said protrusion.

30. (Currently amended) A casting riser pan as claimed in claim 27, wherein said orientation element of said inner wall comprises an indentation in said inner wall defining and said orientation element of said concrete cover comprises a protrusion from the concrete cover.

31. (Original) A casting riser pan as claimed in claim 30, wherein said indentation has a top portion and a bottom portion, said top portion of said indentation being wider than said bottom portion of said indentation.

32. (Original) A casting riser pan as claimed in claim 19, further comprising a continuous securing element extending radially inward from said bottom portion of said inner wall, said continuous securing element adapted to be connected to a casting mold.

33. (Original) A casting riser pan as claimed in claim 32, wherein said continuous securing element further includes a weakened region connecting said continuous securing element to said bottom edge portion.

34. (Original) A casting riser pan as claimed in claim 32, wherein said continuous securement element further includes one or more holes adapted to receive a fastener for securing said continuous securement element to the casting mold.

35. (Original) The combination of a casting riser pan as claimed in claim 34 and at least one fastener inserted through one of said attachment holes and adapted to be attached to the casting mold, said fastener having a head portion with a diameter generally larger than the diameter of said attachment holes and a shaft portion having a diameter generally smaller than the diameter of said holes.

36. (Original) A casting riser pan as claimed in claim 19, further comprising an anchor element extending radially outward from said outer wall, said anchor element adapted to be embedded in the concrete wall.

37. (Original) A casting riser pan as claimed in claim 35, wherein said anchor element is generally annular.

38. (Original) A casting riser pan as claimed in claim 19, further comprising a plurality of ribs connected to said outer wall and said inner wall.

39. (Original) A casting riser pan as claimed in claim 19, further comprising an end portion adapted to be received by a stackable riser section.

40. (Original) A casting riser pan as claimed in claim 39, wherein said end portion includes an axially extending upstanding wall.

41. (Original) The combination of the casting riser pan as claimed in claim 39 and a stackable riser.
42. (Currently amended) The combination of the casting riser pan as claimed in claim 19 and [[a]] the concrete cover.
43. (New) The casting riser pan as claimed in claim 1 in combination with a concrete structure into which said casting riser pan is integrated.
44. (New) The casting riser pan as claimed in claim 1 in combination with said concrete cover and a concrete structure into which said casting riser pan is integrated.
45. (New) The casting riser pan as claimed in claim 19 in combination with a concrete structure into which said casting riser pan is integrated.
46. (New) The casting riser pan as claimed in claim 19 in combination with said concrete cover and a concrete structure into which said casting riser pan is integrated.
47. (New) A method for forming an opening in a cast concrete structure and a concrete cover keyed to the opening, comprising the steps of:
placing a casting riser pan as claimed in claim 1 into a form;
placing concrete into said form outside said wall of said casting riser pan; and
placing concrete into said form within said wall of said casting riser pan.